

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 10, 2003 has been read and carefully considered and the present amendment submitted to clarify the claim language to better define the present invention.

In that Office Action, claim 1 was objected to because of an informality relating to the biasing means and thus, the word "for" has been added to claim 1 in accordance with the helpful suggestion of the Examiner. It is therefore believed that the informality has been corrected.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, namely, that it was considered by the Examiner to be unclear whether the applicant intended to claim merely the fastener or the combination of the fastener and the roller. As such, claim 1 has now been amended to resolve that issue by making it clear that the claims are intended to claim the combination of the roller and the fastener.

Claims 1, 2 and 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Duran U.S. Patent 4,655,657 and claims 1-4 and 6-12 further alternatively rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross, U.S. Patent 1,975,296 in view of Duran U.S. Patent 4,655,657.

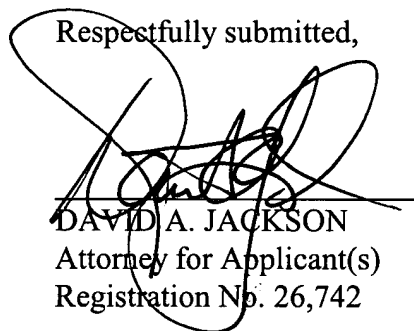
As such, claim 1 has been further amended to recite that the roller (7) is adapted to be mountable and clampable over the "large diameter portion " of the spindle (1) and which is not the case with the large diameter portion of the Duran reference.

Thus the Duran reference does not disclose, nor consider the roller being mounted and clamped to the large diameter of the spindle not would there seem to be any suggestion of doing so in the Duran reference and it is therefore submitted that the newly amended claim language

distinguishes the present invention over the Duran reference taken alone or in combination with the Ross reference.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims in the present application are in allowable form and an allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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